

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Saluda School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 2,078

Superintendent: Dr. David M. Mathis

Board Chair: Dr. Kathy Coleman

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	17	5	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	71.9%	73.3%	63.0%	70.5%	73.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.9%	65.7%	60.9%	65.7%	66.3%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	35.3%	34.7%	16.7%	24.4%	32.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	33.2%	26.3%	16.5%	23.3%	26.3%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	82.4%	9.8%	7.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.7%	12.2%	12.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	91.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.0%

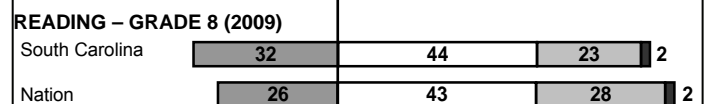
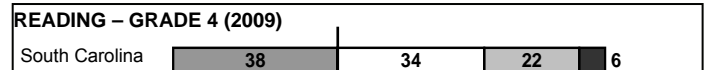
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.6%

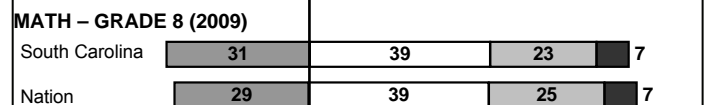
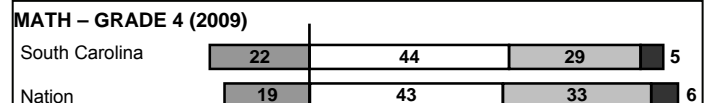
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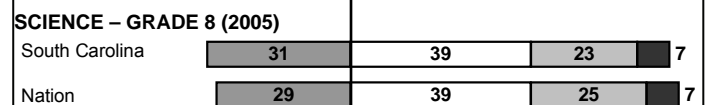
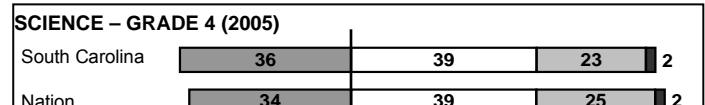
* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced
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SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=2,078)				
Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 3.1%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.0%	95.6%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.2%	Up from 8.9%	13.3%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.4%	Up from 9.0%	11.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	Up from 3.8%	5.0%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	Down from 3.4%	8.6%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	47.8%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	45.1%	Down from 60.3%	31.3%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	9	No Change	47	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	3	Down from 5	31	29
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 4.2%	3.3%	3.1%
Teachers (n=155)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.4%	Up from 46.4%	58.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	77.4%	Up from 66.2%	83.5%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.1%	Down from 5.5%	4.1%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.3%	Up from 82.0%	89.4%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.0%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,144	Down 1.4%	\$45,687	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.2%	Up from 4.5%	1.9%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.9 days	Down from 20.7 days	12.3 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 20.1 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 89.3%	89.5%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,109	Up 5.0%	\$9,371	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.5%	Up from 50.4%	53.2%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.1%	Up from 52.4%	56.0%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	1.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	29 Years	Up from 28 Years	29 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	2.0	No Change	7.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.6%	97.3%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$75,614	No Change	\$78,358	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Thank you for taking the time to look over our district report card concerning student performance indicators and other valuable information. The Board of Trustees and administration appreciate your involvement in supporting our schools.

Our focus in this district is for our students to make continuous improvement. Our administration continues to maintain a district-wide Professional Learning Community and sponsors the presentation of the best practices of our district's teachers. We thank our Teacher Forum for coordinating the district's second annual "Instructional Fair," providing additional opportunities for a broad range of staff development for our teachers and staff.

In spite of the difficult economic times, and state cutbacks, we were able to maintain top quality programs and new opportunities for all students during the 2009-2010 school year. A new piano lab was purchased through the 21st Century Grant for Saluda Primary and Saluda Elementary School students. Our district was fortunate to receive the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant, which has enabled us to provide new resources for our students as we partner with local agencies. Through the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant, we have hired an additional School Resource Officer, a Truancy Officer, Parent Liaisons, Parent Educators, and Mental Health Counselors housed in the schools. Prevention and Intervention programs for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs will be available in the schools also. We were also able to provide a summer enrichment program and plan to implement an After-School Program, which will begin this fall. We have upgraded our Security Equipment at each school and purchased ALERTNOW, a parent notification system which will allow us to keep parents informed of emergencies and important school events.

As we look back on the 2009-2010 school year, we do so with much pride for the many successes of our teachers and students. A number of our students and schools received recognition at the state and national level. Three out of five of our schools made Average Yearly Progress (AYP). Saluda Middle School was the recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award. Our graduating class of seniors was awarded more than 1.6 million dollars in scholarships. Nine students were chosen as SC Jr. Scholars. We had students who received national and state awards such as the SC Elementary Honors Choir participant award, Student Representative for the SC Children's Book Award, Project Sentry Logo Contest, Wildlife Forever National Art Contest, SC Reel Kids Art Contest, FFA Proficiency Award, and Washington Youth Tour Delegates.

We welcome your input and your participation in all aspects of the educational process. Your support and cooperation ensure our success. Together, we are "Teaching Children to be Learners for Life."

David M. Mathis, Ed.D., Superintendent

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